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1. Increased collaboration exists between the Yugoslav and Soviet Naval Forces. 50X1-HUM
2. At the time that the Yugoslav Naval Command was transferred to Belgrade, where it is currently located and known as the Under-Secretariat for the Navy under Admiral Mate Jerkovic, a special Office of Collaboration was also established. This Office, the head of which was not learned, issues all pertinent directives and orders.
3. During the visit of the Yugoslav Armed Forces delegation to the Soviet Union in October 1963, several high-level Yugoslav officials were also present; the names of these were not learned. The delegation was headed by the Yugoslav State Secretary for National Defense, General of the Army Ivan Gosnjak. On this occasion, the collaboration between the two naval forces, as well as among the other Yugoslav services, was completed.
4. The following are among the clauses included in the agreement on the collaboration between the two naval forces:
 - a. Coordination of training and political indoctrination; plans on these topics are to be completed in the near future;
 - b. Collaboration on the exchange of information. It was agreed that Yugoslavia will, in the future, carry on the information service on the principal topics of common interest, principally on the West and on neutral countries, while it will receive from the USSR all information regarding Yugoslav interests.

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- c. Complete collaboration on plans for naval and river construction projects; exchange and prior common approval, insofar as construction in Yugoslavia and the Danube countries, members of the Warsaw Pact (Hungary, Rumania, and Bulgaria) is concerned.

The task of river construction projects for the account of the above countries and, in particular, for fast river-patrol craft (RRC-type motor-patrol boats, currently used by the Yugoslav river fleet), was assigned to Yugoslavia.

The same holds true for the river-maritime craft of the same countries; however, in the future plans are to receive prior common approval so that they will be able to be used also for common military purposes.

- d. The Soviet Union is obligated to supply materials for naval construction projects, in particular plate, radar equipment, and in general, fine precision items.
- e. Future Yugoslav naval construction projects are to receive prior common consultation and then^{be} built, giving precedence to craft of auxiliary military interest.
- f. Exchange of meteorological, foreign port, oceanographic data, etc.

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- a. During the visit of the Yugoslav delegation to the Soviet Union, the Soviets treated the visitors with particular care and attention and never gave the impression, as had happened in the past, of arrogance and superiority - which was a pleasant surprise to the Yugoslavs. Many of the Yugoslav officers returned from Russia enthusiastic and in favor of the fullest collaboration. 3
- b. This collaboration is equally applicable to the Yugoslav Ground and Air Forces. Unfortunately, no details on these phases are available.
- c. Admiral Mate Jerkovic, who is himself one of the most ardent supporters of complete Yugoslav-Soviet collaboration, has brought into the Under-Secretariat officers who hold the same views.

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1. [redacted] Comment: Some of the members of the delegation were mentioned in the Yugoslav and Soviet press at the time of of the visit; these included Col. Gen. Zdenko Ulepic, Chief of the Yugoslav Air Force; Lt. Col. Gen. (now Col. Gen.) Radojica Nenezic, Chief of Operations of the General Staff; Vice Admiral Ljubo Truta, Commander of the Adriatic Fleet; Maj. Gen. Veljko Miladinovic, Political Officer of the State Secretariat for National Defense; and Maj. Gen. Milos Manojlovic, who is believed by USARMA, Belgrade, to be associated with the KrusevacABC Warfare School.

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2. [redacted] Comment: The clauses included in paragraph 4 a and b are similar to those reportedly agreed upon at the earlier meeting between the two naval groups in Yugoslavia in September.

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